finance offenses may communicate about known government investigations and tailor their stories to be consistent, and tamper with or hide potential evidence. Accordingly, premature disclosure of the scope of this investigation would undermine efforts to obtain truthful statements from relevant witnesses, and could lead to witness tampering and/or obstruction of justice. In addition, the investigation relates to financial transactions involving foreign bank accounts, and premature disclosure of the focus of this investigation could lead to efforts to hide or conceal foreign funds or transactions. Lastly, if the subjects of this investigation were alerted to the existence of a criminal investigation, it may prompt them to delete electronic records, including in e-mail accounts or other electronic media not presently known to the government. Accordingly, there is reason to believe that, were the Provider to notify the subscriber or others of the existence of the warrant, the investigation would be seriously jeopardized. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2705(b), I therefore respectfully request that the Court direct the Provider not to notify any person of the existence of the warrant for a period of one year from issuance, subject to extension upon application to the Court, if necessary.

38. For similar reasons, I respectfully request that this affidavit and all papers submitted herewith be maintained under seal until the Court orders otherwise, except that the Government be permitted without further order of this Court to provide copies of the warrant and affidavit as need be to personnel assisting it in the investigation and prosecution of this matter, and to disclose those materials as necessary to comply with discovery and disclosure obligations in any prosecutions related to this matter.

VI. Conclusion

39. Based on the foregoing, I respectfully request that the Court issue the warrant sought herein pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Stored Communications Act, 18 U.S.C.

§ 2703(b)(1)(A) (for contents) and § 2703(c)(1)(A) (for records and other information), and the

relevant provisions of Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41.



Sworn to before me this 16th day of May, 2019

HONORABLE STEWART D. AARON

United States Magistrate Judge Southern District of New York

Exhibit 2

(October 17, 2019 Warrant and Application)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the Southern District of New York

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19 Mag. 7595				
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Attachment A

I. Devices to be Searched

The devices to be searched (the "Subject Devices") are described as the electronic devices listed below which contain emails and other content information obtained pursuant to a search warrant issued on January 18, 2019 by the Honorable Sarah Netburn, numbered 19 Mag. 729.

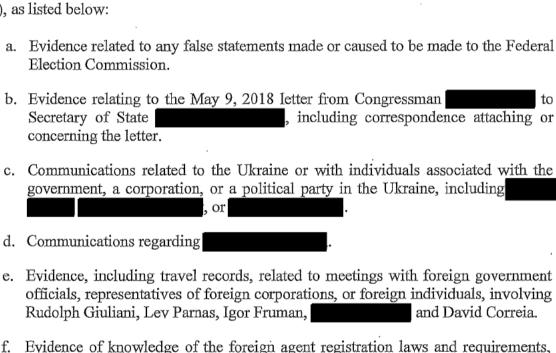
Account	Provider	Owner .	Referred To	Subject
			As	Device
	Google	Igor Fruman	I-Fruman	1
			GEP Account	
	Google	Lev Parnas	L-Parnas	1
			GEP Account	
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	Google	David	D-Correia	1
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			Account	

This warrant applies only to the following accounts on the Subject Devices: the I-Fruman GEP Account, the L-Parnas GEP Account, the L-Parnas GEP Account; the Account; the the L-Parnas Yahoo Account, and the D-Correia Yahoo Account (the "Selected Accounts").

II. Review of ESI on the Selected Accounts on the Subject Devices

principal.

Law enforcement personnel (including, in addition to law enforcement officers and agents, and depending on the nature of the ESI and the status of the investigation and related proceedings, attorneys for the government, attorney support staff, agency personnel assisting the government in this investigation, interpreters, and outside vendors or technical experts under government control) are authorized to review the ESI contained on the Selected Accounts on the Subject Devices for evidence, fruits, and instrumentalities of one or more violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (false statements in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch), 18 U.S.C. § 1346 (honest services fraud), 22 U.S.C. §§ 612, 618 (failure to register as an agent of a foreign principal violation), 18 U.S.C. § 951 (acting as an agent of a foreign government), 18 U.S.C. § 201 (bribery); and 18 U.S.C. § 203 (bribery with respect to a member of congress) (together, the "Subject Offenses"), as listed below:



including knowledge of the requirement to register as an agent of a foreign

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U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney Southern District of New York

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October 17, 2019

REQUEST TO BE FILED UNDER SEAL

By Hand

The Honorable J. Paul Oetken
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

Warrant Application Dated August 14, 2019, 19 Mag. 7595

Dear Judge Oetken:

Re:

On January 18, 2019, the Government sought and obtained from the Honorable Sarah Netburn a sealed search warrant for the contents of eleven email accounts for campaign finance related offenses (the "January 18 Warrant Returns"), with docket number 19 Mag. 729. On August 14, 2019, the Government sought from the Honorable Henry B. Pitman, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 41, a second sealed warrant to search a subset of the January 18 Warrant Returns for evidence of certain additional foreign agent related offenses not listed in the January 18 Warrant. Judge Pitman reviewed and approved the agent affidavit in support of the August 14 warrant, a copy of which, as signed by Judge Pitman, is attached hereto. However, the Government is not presently able to locate a copy of the August 14 warrant itself, which may be the result of a clerical error, although it is possible a warrant was not submitted in connection with the August 14 application. As such, the Government respectfully requests that the Court review the attached agent affidavit, which was sworn before Judge Pitman on August 14, and issue the attached warrant which would authorize the Government to seize the materials sought in the August 14 application. Finally, the Government respectfully requests that this letter be filed under seal, as both the January 18 Warrant and August 14 warrant application are currently filed under seal.

Respectfully submitted,

GEOFFREY S. BERMAN United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York

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19MAG 7595

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of the Application of the United States Of America for a Search Warrant for the Contents of Nine-Email Accounts Located on Two Devices Containing the Results of An Email Search Warrant, USAO Reference No

TO BE FILED UNDER SEAL

Agent Affidavit in Support of Application for a Search Warrant

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK) ss.:

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I. Introduction

A. Affiant

- 1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). In the course of my experience and training in this position, I have participated in criminal investigations into federal offenses involving public corruption and violations of the federal campaign finance laws. I also have training and experience executing search warrants, including those involving electronic evidence, including emails.
- 2. I make this Affidavit in support of an application pursuant to Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure for a warrant to search nine email accounts on the electronic devices specified below (the "Subject Devices") for the items and information described in Attachment A. This affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge; my review of documents and other evidence; my conversations with other law enforcement personnel; and my training, experience and advice received concerning the use of computers in criminal activity and the forensic analysis of electronically stored information ("ESI"). Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, it does not include all the facts that I have learned during the course of my investigation. Where the contents of documents and the actions, statements, and

conversations of others are reported herein, they are reported in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated.

B. The Prior Warrant and Subject Devices

3. On January 18, 2019, the Honorable Sarah Netburn authorized a search warrant (the "January 18 Warrant") numbered 19 Mag. 729, directing Google, Inc. and Oath Holdings, Inc. (collectively, the "Providers") to provide content and other information for the email accounts in the chart below to search for evidence of violations of 52 U.S.C. § 30122 (unlawful straw donations), 52 U.S.C. § 30121 (unlawful foreign contributions), 18 U.S.C. § 371 (conspiracy to commit the same), 18 U.S.C. § 2 (aiding and abetting the same), 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (wire fraud), and 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (money laundering) (together, the "January 18 Warrant Subject Offenses"). The Subject Devices are particularly described as the following two electronic devices in the possession of the FBI which, respectively, contain the results of the January 18 Warrant on eleven email accounts, as specifically described in the chart below:

Provider	Owner	Referred To	Subject
		As	Device
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Google	Igor Fruman	I-Fruman	1
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			1
Oath	Lev Parnas	L-Parnas	2
		Yahoo	
		Account	
Oath	David	D-Correia	2
	Correia	Yahoo	
		Account	-

4. Google provided the content and information responsive to the January 18 Warrant electronically, which was downloaded by a paralegal specialist at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York ("USAO") onto a hard drive, which is Subject Device-1. Oath provided the content and information responsive to the January 18 Warrant in the form of a compact disc, which is Subject Device-2. The contents of those Subject Devices have been loaded onto a shared database to which the prosecution team has access, and which is the principal system I have used to review the contents of the devices. ¹

C. The Subject Offenses

5. In the course of reviewing the content contained on the Subject Devices for evidence of the January 18 Warrant Subject Offenses, I have discovered emails which, as set forth in greater detail below, establish probable cause to believe the following accounts on the Subject Devices contain evidence of additional offenses: the I-Fruman GEP Account, the L-Parnas GEP Account, the D-Correia GEP Account, the I-Fruman Gmail Account; the the L-Parnas Yahoo Account, and the D-Correia Yahoo Account (the "Selected Accounts"). I am therefore requesting authority

¹ A filter team comprised of Assistant United States Attorneys and FBI agents who are not a part of the prosecution team have used search terms to separate any potentially privileged documents out of the shared database to which the prosecution team has access.

to search the Selected Accounts on the Subject Devices for evidence, fruits, and/or instrumentalities of these additional offenses.

6. In particular, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that the Selected Accounts on the Subject Devices also contain evidence, fruits, and/or instrumentalities of the commission of one or more of the following: 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (false statements in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch), 18 U.S.C. § 1346 (honest services fraud), 22 U.S.C. §§ 612, 618 (failure to register as an agent of a foreign principal violation), 18 U.S.C. § 951 (acting as an agent of a foreign government), 18 U.S.C. § 201 (bribery); and 18 U.S.C. § 203 (bribery with respect to a member of congress) (together, the "Subject Offenses").

II. Probable Cause Regarding the Subject Offenses

7. The FBI and the USAO are investigating, among other things discussed herein, political contributions made to campaigns and political action committees ("PACs") by Lev Parnas, Igor Fruman, and Global Energy Producers LLP ("GEP"), in violation of federal law – including the federal campaign finance laws – and as part of the Subject Offenses. Specifically, the FBI and USAO are investigating whether contributions made by Parnas in 2016 and 2018 were illegal "straw donations," funded by third parties, made in violation of the federal campaign finance laws, which prohibit persons from making contributions in the name of another person. Additionally, the FBI and USAO are investigating whether Fruman illegally funded some of Parnas's contributions, ² and whether he and Parnas paid for political contributions using funds

² Two of the contributions funded by Fruman and effectuated by Parnas were made in the name of GEP, which, as described below, appears to be a shell corporation created at or shortly before the time the contributions were made for the purpose of obscuring the true donor's identity. The Federal Election Commission ("FEC") has interpreted the so-called straw donor prohibition as not only applying to individuals, but also to the creation and use of closely held corporations or corporate LLCs for the purpose of concealing the true source of the funds.

from a foreign national, in violation of the campaign finance law that prohibits foreign nationals from directly or indirectly making political contributions.

- 8. The FBI and USAO are also investigating whether Fruman and Parnas, at the direction of a foreign government or person, undertook actions to cause the removal of the United States Ambassador to the Ukraine. The applicable statutes in the foreign agent registration act ("FARA") criminalize acting as an agent of a foreign principal and failing to register as such, as required by the statute. Similarly, the federal foreign agent statute prohibits non-diplomats from acting within the United States as agents of a foreign government without prior notification to the Attorney General. As described below, there is probable cause to believe that Fruman and Parnas lobbied for the removal of the Ambassador to the Ukraine and that they may have done so in coordination with foreign officials. Moreover, it appears that as part of that effort, Fruman and Parnas made contributions to a United States congressman in exchange for that congressman's successful effort to persuade the United States Secretary of State to remove the Ambassador, in what may be a violation of the federal honest services fraud statute and federal anti-bribery statutes, which prohibit the giving or offering of anything of value to a public official to influence an official act.³
- 9. As set forth below, based on my review of emails obtained pursuant to the January 18 Warrant, FEC records, financial records, and public sources, it appears that the Selected Accounts were used by Fruman, Parnas, and others to, among other things, communicate about GEP-related matters, communicate with individuals working for campaigns or political action

³ It appears, as noted above, that these contributions were funded by a foreign principal and routed through multiple bank accounts, in an apparent violation of the federal money laundering statute, which as applied here, prohibits the transferring of funds from outside the United States to inside the United States for the purpose of promoting such an honest services wire fraud, or in furtherance of a FARA violation.

committees, communicate with a congressman's staff in furtherance of their efforts to seek the removal of a U.S. Ambassador, and coordinate financial transactions that appear to be related to the Subject Offenses. There is therefore is probable cause to believe that the Selected Accounts on the Subject Devices will contain evidence of the Subject Offenses.

A. Probable Cause Regarding the Subject Offenses

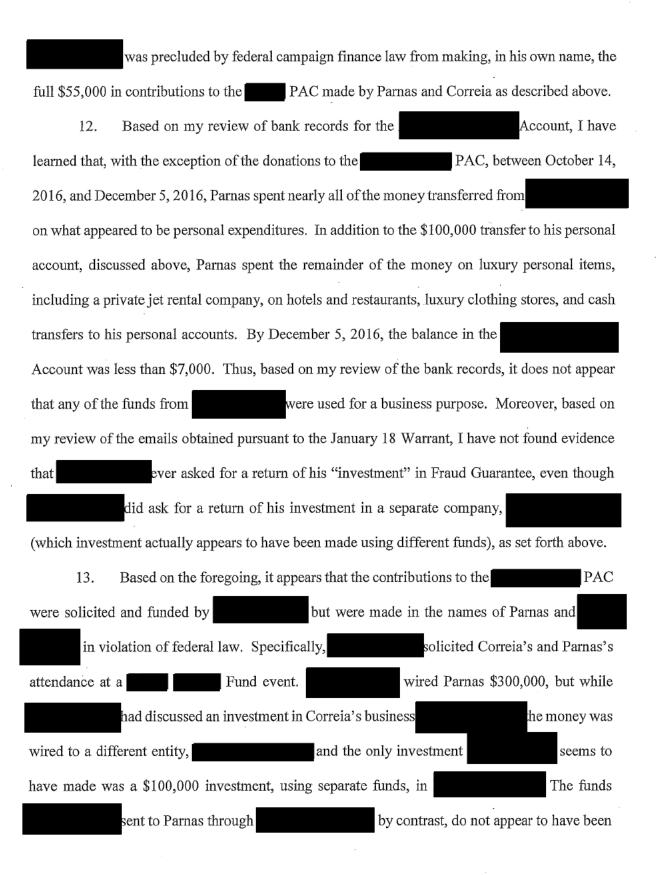
Parnas's Contribution to the Fund Using Third Party Funds

- 10. Based on my review of the returns of the January 18 Warrant, FEC records, financial records, and public sources, I have learned, among other things, the following:
- a. On or about October 3, 2016, David Correia, a business partner of Parnas, emailed (using the email address copying Parnas at the L-Parnas Yahoo Account): "It was a great pleasure meeting the other evening . . . I look forward to moving on the Trump dinner and helping to make it a massive success. I already shared with Lev the donation amounts and we will get back to you with details of any/all interested donors." Correia also sent "some information about our group . . . and a few properties that owns." Based on my review of this and other emails, it appears that solicited Parnas and Correia to attend a fundraising dinner for Trump, and that in response Correia shared information about investing in Correia's signature line in that e-mail read: "David Correia, Principal,"
- b. On or about October 11, 2016, emailed Parnas a link to a video about Trump, and on or about the same day, he sent Parnas (at the L-Parnas Yahoo Account) and Correia (at the account) a registration link for a Fund event being held the following day in Hillsboro Beach, Florida. In the subject line to the email, wrote: "URGENT register before 4:30 today all the names that will be attending tomorrow." Based on my review of public records, I know that funds contributed to the

PAC were disbursed to the for President, Inc. campaign
committee (the "Trump Campaign") and the National Committee.
c. On or about October 14, 2016, Correia (using the email address
which appears to have backed up to the D-Correia Yahoo Account)
emailed that Parnas had said he and had "connected and worked
things out" and that Correia was "happy to have you as part of the team!" Correia's signature line
read "David Correia, Founder/COO, In a subsequent email copying Parnas (at
the L-Parnas Yahoo Account), Correia asked to return a "scanned copy of the
agreement once you sign it" and to let Correia "know when the wire is sent so we can confirm
receipt on our end." Later that day,
team" and "looking forward for more ventures in the future." wrote "[a]ttached
please find the sign agreement and shortly ill wire the money to the account." However,
did not actually attach an agreement, and based on my review of the emails obtained
pursuant to the January 18 Warrant, I have not identified any such agreement between
and Parnas or Correia. ⁴

⁴ Based on my review of the emails obtained pursuant to the January 18 Warrant and bank records, I have learned that on November 3, 2016, after \$300,000 wire to Parnas, and copying the L-Parnas Yahoo Correia (using the email Account) forwarded a "subscription agreement" signed by The agreement contemplated would make a \$100,000 investment in the " and included wiring instructions for bank account. In that email, Correia confirmed that "His wire was received today." Beginning in December 2017, and another investor ("Investorbegan emailing the managing director of to demand a refund of their investment. These emails were forwarded by Investor-1 to Correia, at which appears to have automatically using the email address backed up to the D-Correia Yahoo Account, and the L-Parnas Yahoo Account. Based on my review of emails obtained pursuant to the January 18 Warrant and bank records, it does not appear investment in was made through Parnas, and thus wired the funds directly from his bank account. However, I am it appears that

d. Based on my review of bank records, I have learned that on or about October 14,
2016, a bank account in the name of
received a wire transfer from in the amount of \$300,000. The reference
line on the wire stated "purchase 3 pct Fraud Guarantee LLC," which I understand to be a reference
to a purported purchase of three percent of Parnas's business, Fraud Guarantee LLC. Prior to
receiving the wire transfer from the balance of the account
was negative \$801.82.
e. On or about October 14, 2016, \$100,000 was transferred from the
account at to an account in Lev and names
at On the same date, \$25,000 was wired from the account in Parnas's name to
an account in the name of which is the name of David Correia's wife.
f. On or about October 24, 2016, Parnas contributed \$50,000 to the
PAC. On the same day, a \$5,000 contribution was made in the name of
PAC. Based on my review of financial records, it appears that both of the contributions
were funded with money from the \$300,000 payment by
11. Based on my review of public records, I have learned that
lawful permanent resident, contributed \$15,000 to the PAC on October 14, 2016,
which was paid as a \$2,700 contribution to the Trump Campaign (the maximum) and a \$12,300
contribution to the National Committee. On or about October 24, 2016,
again contributed \$15,000 to the PAC. Because of these contributions,
awaiting subpoena returns from bank account, which will reflect how he funded
the investment.



used in connection with business, or for a business purpose. Instead, as discussed above, Parnas used \$100,000 of those funds to fund his and Correia's donations to the Fund, and spent the remainder of the funds over the following two months on luxury and personal expenses for Parnas. In addition, did not ask for his "investment" to be returned, although he was comfortable doing so with respect to his investment, which indicates that did not actually believe that his \$300,000 wire transfer to Parnas was an investment in Accordingly, it appears that the contributions to the Fund were made in violation of federal law and as part of the January 18 Warrant Subject Offenses.

Contributions to PACs in 2018 Using Third Party Funds

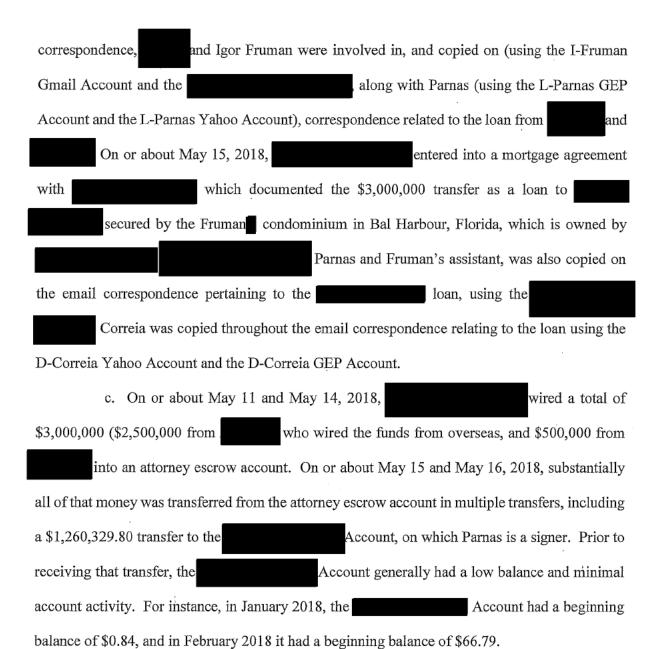
learned that in 2017 and 2018, Parnas began receiving fundraising solicitations from PACs supporting candidates, with a principal focus on the 2018 midterm elections. Some of those solicitations included invitations to meet with President Trump and high-ranking congressional representatives. In order to attend these events, however, Parnas and his associates were required to, and did, make sizeable political contributions. In particular, Parnas and Igor Fruman made sizeable contributions to PAC, PAC, and PAC. The investigation has revealed that Parnas and Igor Fruman financed these contributions with funds from third parties, including foreign nationals, in apparent violation of the January 18 Warrant Subject Offenses. Several such examples are listed below.

PAC Donation

15. According to a publicly available article published in a Russian-language newspaper, as translated into English, on or about March 3, 2018, Igor Fruman met with President Trump at the resort in Palm Beach, Florida. The article quotes Fruman, who is

pictured with President Trump, as saying: "In the 2016 election, I made donations to Trump's election campaign fund, and now, a year after taking over the presidency, Trump decided it was right again to invite us and turn to his supporters . . . The meeting in was the start of his Campaign in the 2020 election . . . And before that, he set the goal of the victory in the mid-term elections to Congress in November 2018." Based on a review of publicly available information, financial records, and emails obtained pursuant to the January 18 Warrant, it appears that following that meeting, Igor Fruman began attending political fundraising events with Parnas.

- a. On or about April 25, 2018, Correia (using the D-Correia Yahoo Account) contacted a Miami-based commercial mortgage broker ("Broker-1") on behalf of Parnas and Fruman to inquire about obtaining a short-term loan.
- b. In the days that followed, Broker-1 arranged for a \$3 million commercial loan from a businessman, and an attorney, to which is owned and managed by Igor and Based on a review of email



d. On or about May 17, 2018, Parnas, with assistance, made a \$325,000 contribution in the name of GEP to PAC. According to a contribution form signed by Parnas, the contribution came from GEP, of which he was the CEO and co-founder. No other individuals were listed on the contribution form. The contribution form required Parnas to affirm that "[t]his contribution is made from the funds of the above-listed donor,